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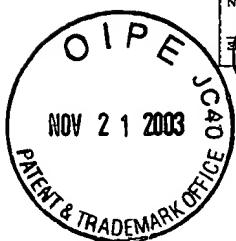
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 Serial No.: 09/830,251 : Group Art Unit: 1751
 Filed: July 11, 2001 : Examiner: Charles I. Boyer

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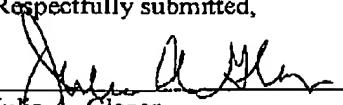
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